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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ali LAAYOUN et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR LABELING A NUCLEIC ACID

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CORRECTED AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please replace the Amendment filed April 4, 2003, with the following Corrected Amendment. At page 10, line 1, of the original April 4 Amendment, a typographical error occurred in the following line: "Szostak does remedy the deficiencies of Morrow and Mirzabekow as detailed above." This Amendment correctly reads: "Szostak does not remedy the deficiencies of Morrow and Mirzabekow as detailed above." Other than the correction of the foregoing sentence, the Corrected Amendment remains identical to the original Amendment. The fees associated with entry of this Amendment were paid with the Amendment Transmittal filed April 4, 2003.

In reply to the October 4, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please replace claims 1, 3, 4, 15, 25 and 26 as follows:**

1. (Amended) A process for fragmenting and labeling at least one synthetic or natural member selected from the group consisting of DNA and chimeric DNA-RNA polymers, comprising the steps of:

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